

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. MARSHALL "MARK" SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 7, 1995

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the men and women of our armed services from South Carolina who have a long tradition of valor in times of national crisis. From the large communities of Charleston, Georgetown, Myrtle Beach or small towns like Ridgeville, Goose Creek, Aynor, or Awendaw—soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines have served our Nation well in war. There is no greater service than to fight for the safety of one's nation and the security of the world. From the Marne to the Philippines, and from the Chosen Reservoir to Khe Sahn, South Carolina has sent its best and its brightest to defend freedom and democracy.

As Veteran's Day approaches, I find myself reflecting upon the sacrifices that these men and women made for these United States. Hundreds of South Carolina servicemen in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam paid the ultimate price through the sacrifice of their lives and lie buried in cemeteries and watery graves around the globe. But for many, the possibility of a simple military grave marker, the return of their remains to their families and loved ones, or even an accounting of their whereabouts still eludes them. South Carolina's First District has no less than 15 POW/MIA's still unaccounted for from Korea and 9 POW/MIA's from Vietnam. To those families and friends who have lost a loved one, and those today who still seek a final determination as to the fates of their loved ones, I pay tribute for the sacrifice of these brave men.

Recently, I have worked with organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Vietnam Veterans Association, AMVETS, the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, and other groups to determine how our country might best care for our veterans. People like Tom Burch and Bonny Stilwell of the Vietnam Veterans Coalition who take up the cause of veterans from every era, especially Vietnam veterans, are to be commended for their tireless efforts. As a member of the International Relations Committee's Subcommittee on Asia, I have heard their pleas for an absolute accounting of all servicemen in Southeast Asia. As a member of that committee I voted for language which would mandate a complete accounting of all of our servicemen in Southeast Asia and give immigration preference to those who help identify U.S. servicemen remains or clarify their status as MIA/POW. For all of the veterans' groups, especially to Anne and "Tank" Lanford of the South Carolina Vietnam Era Veterans Association I pledge my continued support to bring all of our boys home and put an end to the uncertainty that their families face day in and day out.

I would like to leave you all with a story I once heard about our Nation and its veterans. I think that it might act as a reminder to us all of our veterans' sacrifices and our country's duty to them.

While camped on the plain at West Point, NY, on a cold winter's night General Washington met with his officers who had gathered in a small hut to discuss the possibility of the Continental Army seizing control of the Congress because of their lack of pay and land grants to the soldiers. After listening to eloquent and inspired speeches from many of the officers who urged their brothers to declare the Government dissolved, General Washington, who had previously sat quietly in the back of the room, rose to his feet. Suddenly, the lively and spirited debate ceased and still fell over the room. General Washington slowly, and deliberately unfolded a letter from a Member of Congress who had written him to urge his soldiers to keep their posts until spring when the Government might be more secure. After unfolding the letter Washington stared at the page for a moment then, for the first time ever in front of his troops, Washington reached into his tunic and unfolded a pair of spectacles, gently placing them on his nose saying, "Gentlemen, please forgive me for my trouble in reading this letter. For you see, I have not only grown gray, but almost blind in the service of my country."

That night General Washington read that letter but no one heard it. It was drowned out with the soft sobs and cries of the officers present who had served the country in its struggle for independence. After Washington left the building the officers voted unanimously to continue to serve without pay and our Nation survives today. Years later, on the only occasion when then President Washington spoke of the incident, he simply said, "A nation can only ensure its longevity and its security by assuring its care of its veterans. Otherwise it cannot hope to muster any army for its defense in the future." Mr. Speaker, I cannot agree more.

Now, over 200 years, later, it is time for us to renew our commitment to our veterans. I plan to begin by remembering their contributions and sacrifices and continuing the fight for a full accounting of all of our men. As citizens we owe every veteran at least that much. The patriot, John Adams once said, "I study war so that my son may study politics, so that his son might study philosophy and art." This is a dream that I know all veterans share.

CELEBRATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 7, 1995

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rio Hondo Community College

in Whittier CA, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary and the appointment of its 8th superintendent/president, Dr. Jesus "Jess" Carreon.

Rio Hondo Community College District encompasses a 65.5-square-mile area which includes the cities of Whittier, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, and portions of Norwalk, La Mirada, Downey, La Puente, Industry, and El Monte. According to the 1990 census, the population of the district is approximately 318,000 with nearly 107,000 households.

As part of the great growth in community colleges in the late 1950's early 1960's period, the district was established by election in 1960, with the first independent board of trustees elected in 1962. In 1963, classes were offered for the first time at a local elementary school, Little Lake. The present campus opened in the fall of 1966 with an enrollment of 3,363 day students and 2,682 evening students. The site of the present campus was part of the former Pellissier dairy estate.

The combination of a convenient urban location with a scenic rural setting enhances the college's well deserved reputation for dedication to excellence in teaching, student services, and innovative programs. Rio Hondo annually draws approximately 15,000 culturally diverse students to its hillside campus.

Dr. Jesus "Jess" Carreon, superintendent/president, was named at the board of trustees meeting in April, 1995, and assumed leadership of the college on July 1. Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have visited the college countless times and have held numerous seminars and conferences at its facilities. I have always been impressed with the college's staff and appreciate the strong professional support they have provided me.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I rise to celebrate the Rio Hondo Community College District's 35th anniversary and I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in extending our best wishes and congratulations to the college's President Carreon, and the board's members, President Maria Elena Martinez, Vice President David Siegrist, clerk Don L. Jenkins, and members, Dr. Barbara Stone and Alex Morales.

TRIBUTE TO THE SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 7, 1995

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to a great high school band in my district. The Sheridan High School Band, from Sheridan, IN, recently won the annual class D, Indiana State Band Championship.

All too often, Mr. Speaker, we pay homage to athletic teams, and fail to recognize the other accomplishments to which our young

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people aspire. Unfortunately, in our culture, sports seems to dominate the fascination of our minds. As many of our young people will learn as they get older, athletics is not everything. Many of them will gain an appreciation for other things as well. Whether its learning and playing an instrument, expanding their knowledge by reading books and other literature, or writing creatively, there are many other positive things our young people can participate in and enjoy for the rest of their lives in addition to athletic competition.

It is in that spirit that I would like this House to recognize the hard work and long hours of practice that the Sheridan High School Band has put in over the years in order to be the best. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other colleagues now join me in saluting the extraordinary efforts of band director Jim Haskell and the Sheridan High School Band by extending to them well-deserved congratulations.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION NOTRE DAME DE CAMBRIDGE

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 7, 1995

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the association Notre Dame de Cambridge on the occasion of their 75th anniversary.

The association, also known as the French Club, was founded in 1920 by a group of French-Canadian men of the parish of Notre Dame de Pitie in North Cambridge. They established the club to foster, encourage, and promote unity, benevolence, charity, and sociability among its members.

The French Club was initially a home to French-Canadians who spent their summers working at the New England Brick Co. and their winters in Quebec. Gradually, these members found permanent work and sent for their families, establishing a French-Canadian community in North Cambridge.

Following the end of World War II, bylaws were amended to allow guest members to join. Association Notre Dame became a place to come together for all. Although it is still affectionately called the French Club, it is truly a melting pot with a combined membership of over 200.

Over the years, this club has been instrumental in promoting community spirit. Through the efforts of members, North Cambridge Little League baseball is now a reality. They also sponsor a Christmas party for children in the community, award annual scholarships, and contribute to a variety of charitable causes, such as the Jimmy Fund.

On the celebration of their diamond jubilee, I would like to commend the Association Notre Dame for their community involvement, and wish them continued success.

TRIBUTE TO SIGMUND SADOWSKI

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 7, 1995

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor Mr. Sigmund Sadowski,

of Indiana's 1st Congressional District, who will celebrate his 80th birthday on November 19, 1995.

According to one of his biggest fans—his sister, Ms. Wanda Boris—Sigmund continues to live a full and giving life. When Sigmund was just 26 and married for 1 year, he lost his father. This left his mother to care for six unmarried children, and, at that time, Sigmund took over as the patriarch of the family. Wanda says that Sigmund has always been viewed as a father-figure and a selfless, gentle man.

Beginning his career in retail as a stock boy and a key registrar in the Hammond store, Sigmund dedicated 48 years of service to Goldblatts Department Store. After just 2, short years, he was promoted to manager of the fabric and knitting department of the Gary store. Between 1941 and 1945, he and his wife, Michalene, worked for the Government as civilians for the Navy in Hawaii. After the war, he returned to the region and resumed working for Goldblatts as supervisor of the textile department. In 1960, he was voted boss of the year at Goldblatts. Sigmund was also the first to initiate a program with Roosevelt High School for underprivileged students to work part time at Goldblatts and receive school credit with pay. This is where he stayed until Goldblatts closed in 1980. Since then, Sigmund has remained in the retail business.

Sigmund also found time to give to some area charities. He served on the board of directors for the Goodwill Industries and was a member of the Downtown Gary Merchants Association, the Gary Chamber of Commerce, and the Better Business Bureau. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Junedale Little League.

Mr. Speaker, Sigmund's wife of 55 years, Michalene, and his two sons, Gregory and Mark, as well as his grandchild, Jefferey, should be very proud of this selfless man. Sigmund has truly made Indiana's First Congressional District a better place to live. I ask you, and my other congressional colleagues, to join me in wishing Sigmund a very happy birthday, with hopes for many more.

REV. DR. CAESAR ARTHUR WALTER CLARK: NOTING MILESTONES IN RELIGIOUS HISTORY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 7, 1995

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the many accomplishments of the Reverend Doctor Caesar Arthur Walter Clark, pastor of the Good Street Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, TX.

There are many milestones in our lives by which we can mark the significance of our works. Most are directly influenced by the people with whom we come in contact. Rarely are we privileged to have someone like the Reverend Doctor Caesar A.W. Clark influence our lives so richly and so deeply.

Dr. Clark this year celebrates 65 years in the pulpit. He has led the Good Street Baptist Church congregation for 45 of those years. Those years were enhanced by a wealth of religious, academic, civic, and community serv-

ice involvement. He has mentored hundreds of younger preachers. He is a much-in-demand evangelist who is constantly called upon to preach the gospel across this Nation and beyond. His ageless wisdom expands the globe.

Twice Dr. Clark has been cited by Ebony Magazine as one of the Nation's 15 greatest black preachers. He is considered the dean of preachers by many pastors, ministers, and laity as well, who marvel continually at the power of his messages and the depth of his theology.

Pastor Clark is a quiet, generous, and warm-spirited person whose keen insight serves to bring sharp focus to many of the perplexing issues of our times. The Louisiana native credits his mother with giving him the tenacity to stay in school and the fortitude to continue in the church through the many difficult early years out of Shreveport.

Born December 15, 1914, Reverend Clark is an only child who began preaching at age 13. Reverend Clark left school prior to graduation to work full time on his family's farm. With his mother's strong determination deeply instilled in him, he returned to school and earned a bachelor's degree from Bishop College, then in Marshall, TX. Along with an honorary degree from Bishop, he has received numerous other earned and honorary degrees.

Dr. Clark's ability as a mediator is without parallel. He brings moderation and even-mindedness to the most hotly contested situations. When he speaks, others really do listen.

Dr. Caesar Clark is indeed one of the Nation's most outstanding religious scholars. His reputation as a theologian when combined with his oratorical abilities make him a continually sought-after speaker and teacher. His keen talent, special skills, and generous nature have caused him to excel at his craft and have taken him many miles from his birthplace in Clarence, a town in Natchitoches Parish, LA.

Reverend Clark's awards and accolades from officials, organizations, and citizen groups large and small fill walls and volumes. He has been cited by communities and elected bodies across America. In his honor, a portion of the street where the Good Street Church is located has been named Dr. C.A.W. Clark Plaza by the Dallas City Council. He is respected and loved.

Currently, he is president of the Baptist Missionary and Education Convention of Texas. Previously, he has served in many elected and appointed positions with the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., the 115-year-old organization that is home for more than 8 million African-American Baptists.

Reverend Clark preached his first sermon on the fourth Sunday in April 1928. He was first called to serve as pastor of the Little Union Baptist Church in Shreveport. Today, as shepherd of the Good Street Church, Dr. Clark leads a congregation known for its generosity and service to the community. The more than 2,000-member church operates a variety of programs for young people, families, and the elderly including a 332-unit low-income housing complex, a social service center, and two child care facilities. The church has a credit union with assets of nearly \$2 million. Its enthusiastic and longtime support of foreign missions has led the Good Street Church to build a sister Good Street Church in Vrede, South Africa.

Dr. Clark's rich and productive history make him an integral and valuable part of Texas and